

would be more than offset by the increases in investment here and the stimulation of business. We'd have a net gain," Netzeley said.

## Dogwood Festival set to open

**The Gazette staff**  
PIKETON — The blooming of the dogwood trees signals the coming of spring and for 25 years, so has the Piketon Dogwood Festival, which has grown into a four-day event attracting more than 10,000 visitors.

Although dogwood-blossom-spotting tours are a big highlight of the festival, there is a wealth of other entertainment.

**Today**  
4-6 p.m. — Weight lifting demonstration followed by Piketon High School band, Village Green  
6-7:30 p.m. — Country Cloggers, Village Green  
7-9 p.m. — The Jeffrey's Brothers, grade school stage  
8-10 p.m. — Hard Time, Middle Street stage

**Saturday**  
8 a.m. — Cyclist dogwood tour, Piketon High School  
11 a.m. — Canoe races, Common Way Park  
Noon-2 p.m. — Wayne Williams and the Almost Country Band, Middle Street stage  
Noon - 1 p.m. — The Otway Ramblers, grade school stage  
12:30-1:15 p.m. — Shamons Studio, Village Green  
1 p.m. — Barnyard Horseshoe Tourney, grade school area  
1:30-2:45 p.m. — Country Cloggers, Village Green  
2 p.m. — Children's games, grade school area  
2 p.m. — Kiddie tractor pull, near grade school  
2:30 p.m. — Dogwood fiddlers contest, Middle Street stage  
3 p.m. — Pie eating contest, grade school area  
5-6 p.m. — The Crabtree Family, grade school  
5:30-6:30 p.m. — Rock Solid Cloggers, Village Green  
6-7:30 p.m. — Cactus, grade school  
7:30-9:30 p.m. — Desperado, Village Green  
7:30-9:30 p.m. — Salem Ridge, Middle Street stage

**Sunday**  
8 a.m.-noon — Antique car show, Pike County fairgrounds  
Noon-2 p.m. — The Misty Trails Band, Middle Street stage  
12:30-2:15 p.m. — Country Knights, grade school stage  
2:30 p.m. — Grand parade  
4 p.m. — Adelphi Band, Village Green  
3:30 p.m. — Dogwood banjo contest, Middle Street stage  
4 p.m. — Drawing for dogwood quilt, Middle Street stage

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